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§10–219.

(a) An individual who has care, custody, or control of a minor child may not desert the child:

(1) with the intent that the child become a public charge; or

(2) without providing for the child's support for at least 3 years by a responsible individual or a licensed child care facility.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year.

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